

**R E M A R K S**

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

**THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to clarify the feature of the present invention whereby the accessory side data table is congruous with at least one part of the camera side data table.

Claim 10 has been amended to clarify the feature of the present invention whereby the camera body comprises an identification data table including the accessory side identification data table.

Claim 14 has been amended to recite the feature of the present invention whereby a restricting section inhibits/restricts the operation of the camera thereafter if the judging section judges that the dedicated accessory device is not mounted on the camera body.

In addition, claims 1-19 and 49-72 have been amended to make some minor grammatical improvements and/or to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to put the claims in better U.S. form.

Claims 20-48, moreover, have been canceled.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered and that prosecution on the merits proceed in light of this Preliminary Amendment.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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